

Reviewer's report

Title: Washing our hands of the congenital cytomegalovirus disease epidemic

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General

Cannon and Davis have responded acceptably to comments of reviewers and made changes in the manuscript that will strengthen it. They also argue persuasively against changing the manuscript in response to specific comments of reviewers. As a submission to the Debate section of the Journal, this manuscript would be expected to reflect the views of the authors. This manuscript addresses an important public health issue and advocates a course of action that clearly challenges the current state of inaction.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

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